

Dec. 14,2002

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Re: Millennium Gas Pipeline

U.S. Dept. Of Commerce
1305 East-West Highway
Silver Springs ,Md. 20910

Att: Assistant Council and Atmospheric Administration

I am a concerned citizen who is trying to protect the environment, my
rights and the rights of the people of Orangetown and especially Piermont,
New York.

Your title seems to indicate that you should be interested also.
It is appalling to think that your Department is concerned about some
influential people in Westchester County, New York to the extent that
you would condone the destruction of a Bird Sanctuary, blast the Palisade's
Tallman State Park and relocate over 200 people from their homes.
This proposal violates written law as well as the destruction of wild life.
This is an issue that concerns all the people that care.

Sincerely,


Richard Esposito

Subject: Millenium Pipeline in Rockland

From: Bette <bettes@optonline.com>

Date: Fri, 03 Jan 2003 19:13:09 -0500

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Millenium Pipeline
Office of the Assistant General Counsel for Ocean Services
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce

Dear Sir

I wish to add my name to the list of those people who are protesting the millenium pipeline through Rockland County, New York.

It was originally meant to be built in Westchester County and to benefit mostly Westchester County. Why then did the venue shift to Rockland County? No one has given a decent reason why this area was changed. We all know that Westchester pays a lot in taxes, and therefore, what Westchester wants, Westchester gets. I fail to see why that should be a valid reason.

Rockland County also pays a great deal in taxes, but in our case, everyone wants to dump on our county. I am also curious as to why I have not heard much at all from our politicians, except for Orangetown, who are speaking out loud and clear against this pipeline in their delicate locale, as well as Piermont. Why is it that environmental issues are discarded whenever they feel like it? Are these issues not critical? I feel that the wishes of the people in all of Rockland County are set aside for whatever reason they can get away with.

Year after year I see that many issues are brought up, and we are told we will not feel the effects of their decisions. This could not be farther from the truth. This summer we had extreme drought restrictions because of the lack of water. All this area throught about was the money they would receive from the extreme amount of development. Well, it backfired! They also built a ballfield in a protected wetlands area. Again, nothing was supposed to be felt by the residents. I can tell you that the cutting down of all those trees has now brought on fairly high winds every time there is a storm. Fog has increased constantly where very little fog existed before. The wild animals that we are contending with is not to be believed. They have invaded my yard and have had the wild birds for dinner every day. I used to have not less than 34 species, but now only 3 or 4 are seen here. No impact? The animals are all starving and are going through garbage and killing other animals at a drastic rate. Need I also point out the loss of value of my residence? I am tired of hearing about how good all these things are, when in reality, it has caused nothing but hardship, traffic jams on local streets, and annoyance to all the people of Rockland.

I also want to point out that I tried to get information from the computer about this whole project. Half of the pages were upside down. How was I supposed to read the proposal? Slipshod work for such an important project should not be tolerated.

Not only am I concerned with the Piermont Marsh and its critical environment, but also with all the other possible alternate routes for this pipeline. Not one of them is a good alternative. It will create a bad environment for all of us, no matter which route would be picked. At this time, I would like to ask my original question.

Why shouldn't Westchester County get this so-called wonderful pipeline when it is intended for them in the first place? If they have a decent Community Planning Board, I am sure they can find a better place than Rockland County. It makes no sense to ruin this county, when they have a perfectly good county themselves. Stop dumping on Rockland County!

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